

12-28-01

A

**In the United States Patent and Trademark Office**

Applicants: Steven Craig Gehling, Charles  
Christopher Keely, Jeffrey Dean  
Lindsay, Kimberly Marie Geiser, David  
William Koenig, Bernard Joseph  
Minerath, Barbara Jo Dvoracek, David  
John Tyrrell, Duane Gerard Krzysik

Docket No.: 17,117

Filed: December 21, 2001

Date: December 21, 2001

For: THERAPEUTIC AGENT DELIVERY TAMPON

Express Mail EK563921786US

Label No.:

JC858 U.S. PTO  
10/027269  
12/21/01

**Transmittal Letter**

**New Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

**Plural Inventors**

**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the above-identified new utility patent application.

Enclosed are:

1. This Transmittal Form including Fee Authorization and a duplicate for fee processing.
2. A Specification having a total of 31 pages, including a one (1) page Abstract and fifty-four (54) claims.
3. One (1) sheets of drawings.
4. A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
5. An assignment of this invention, including a 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. and completed Form PTO 1595 Recordation Form Cover Sheet. Please charge the \$40.00 assignment recording fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.21(h), to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 and/or 35 U.S.C. 119(e), Applicants hereby claim priority from presently copending U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/315,882 entitled "THERAPEUTIC AGENT DELIVERY TAMPON" and filed on August 29, 2001, in the names of Steven Craig Gehling et al. (Docket No. 17,117).

The filing fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a), (b), (c) and (d), has been calculated as follows:

	Number Filed			Number Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	54	-20	=	34	x 18 (fee code 103)=	\$612.00
Independent Claims	6	-3	=	3	x 84 (fee code 102) =	\$ 252.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					+ 280 (fee code 104) =	
					Base Fee (fee code 101)	\$740.00
					TOTAL	\$1,604.00

Please charge Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875 for (1) the filing fee indicated in the TOTAL above; and (2) any patent application processing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17. In the event the filing fee indicated in the TOTAL above has been incorrectly calculated, please charge any additional filing fee or credit any excess in the filing fee to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

Please address all correspondence to the correspondence address associated with Customer Number 23556.

The undersigned may be reached at telephone number (920) 721-8863 or fax number (920) 721-3129.

Respectfully submitted,

STEVEN CRAIG GEHLING ET AL.

By:

Randall W. Fieldhack

Registration No.: 43,611

#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, Amy M. Smith, hereby certify that on December 21, 2001 this document is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, Express Mail No. EK563921786US in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

By:

Amy M. Smith